



The Day The Music ~~Died~~, Took a Break

The Sandhill Farmers Market has certainly been more than spoiled over the last several years thanks to the faithful volunteer service of our outstanding music man, Keith Tracy.



Tuesday marks Keith's last day for this season, as his schedule prevents him from being able to join us on the very last market day. Whether it's your favorite sporting venue, family gathering, restaurant or house of worship; each locale has a unique, familiar and often comforting auditory presence. Those distinctive sounds complete the surroundings and it just doesn't seem right when they are missing.

I hope you all get the chance to stop by and see Keith this week. If so, please take a moment to let him know how much you appreciate his gracious addition to your market experience. It is not easy to grind it out each week, facing the wind, cold, heat and sometimes the rain. Keith makes it seem effortless and we are most grateful. Keith is available for private parties and corporate events. The music he plays each week at the market is only a portion of his impressive repertoire. You can contact Keith via email by [clicking here](mailto:keithtracy@live.com). Thank you Keith.

www.keithtracylivemusic.com

Holiday Market

Yes, our regular season ends on November the 25th. This will conclude our 30 weeks of welcoming you to the grounds of the Clemson Sandhill Research and Education Center. The 2015 season is scheduled to begin the first week of next May.

Due to many requests by our faithful customers and vendors we will offer a Holiday Market on Tuesday the 9th of December from 1 until 5 PM. You can expect to find our usual array of fine vendors and perhaps a few new ones that will enhance your shopping selections.

We look forward to welcoming you and if you have any friends interested in selling that day have them contact Stan Perry by email: perry8@clemson.edu. Thank you.

Nov. Schedule

Farm Day	4
Keith Tracy	11
Keith Tracy	18
Last Market Day	25
Thank you!	



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Help Make Our Market Better

During the off season we will devote time to examining the past year and what we might be able to do differently in 2015. Our goal remains to provide a safe, successful and enjoyable environment for our visitors and vendors alike. If you have any suggestions as to special events, vendors you would like to see added, operating procedures, parking or anything that is on your mind, let us know.

I can tell you that the request to make the market non smoking has come up several times along with a short list of vendors to be recruited. Send your thoughts to Stan by clicking the email market manager hyperlink on the left. Thank you for your support.

Support Your Local Farmers Markets

While we hope to see you every Tuesday afternoon during the season there are other Farmers Markets in the area which need your support.

You will find many of our vendors at these fine markets as well.

Wednesday: [Blythewood Market](#) at Doko Meadows, 4:00-7:00PM

Thursday: [Lake Carolina](#) at their Town Center, 4:30-7:30PM

Saturday: [Kershaw Market](#) in Camden, 8AM-Noon

Saturday: [Soda City Market](#), 9am-1PM

Market Photos - November 11 - Veterans Day



The Sandhill Farmers Market... where fun, food, and community come together.

Home and Garden Tips

Christmas Tree Safety Tips

We all enjoy the pleasant fragrance and genuine beauty of a live Christmas tree. The following tips can help you get the maximum enjoyment from your live Christmas tree.

Choosing a Precut Tree

Grasp a branch between your thumb and forefinger and pull toward you. Very few needles will come off if the tree is fresh. Next, take a few needles and bend them. If they spring back, the tree is fresh. Now, bump the trunk of the tree on the ground. If green needles fall off the tree, it is not fresh. You can expect a few brown needles to fall from the tree. Choose another tree if many brown needles fall off.

The length of time a tree has been cut affects tree freshness. Trees that have dropped to below a 75 percent foliar moisture content will continue to dry out even when placed in water. Select trees that have been cut for a short period of time.



Choosing a Field-grown Tree

Trees still connected to their roots will be fresh and full of water. Select a tree that will fit your stand. Then gently shake the tree to see if any green needles fall. After that, break a few needles and check for fragrance. Pines and Leyland cypress will stay fresh longer than other trees. Cedars and cultivars of Arizona cypress stay fresh for a shorter period of time.... Read the entire article from Clemson's Home and Garden Information Center by [clicking here](#).

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Turkey Time



Deep Fried Turkey

[directions.](#)

Yes, the South is famous for frying almost anything. We would probably deep fry bread... wait, we do, that's a hushpuppy.

Make sure to check out the cook's note about how to measure the amount of oil you will need. Bon Appetit.

Anyway, frying turkeys has become extremely popular over the last several years as both palates and insurance companies can attest.

[Here is a recipe from the Food Network with step by step](#)

See how many of these ingredients you can find at the Sandhill Farmers Market!



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Listing of 2014 Farmers Market Vendors

The Sandhill Farmers Market is fortunate to have the participation of so many quality vendors. Their selections run the gamut from fresh produce, fruits, seafood, wood crafts, fabric crafts, baked good, plants, shrubbery, natural personal care products, prepared foods and more. Some vendors are with us for the entire 30 week season, some for half of the season and others on a week to week basis. Following you will find a listing of the hard working entrepreneurs waiting to greet you. All of those in ***bold italics and red*** have links built in. Please note that not all vendors are able to participate in every market.

Name
<i><u>Asya's Organic Farms</u></i>
Red Barn Produce
<i><u>The Peanut Man</u></i>
Hillside Farms
Yummy Dogs
Heart of the South Pine
AAA Greenthumb
Martin Farms Produce
Dena's Secret Garden
<i><u>Hippy Do Da Creations</u></i>
<i><u>Usborne Books & More</u></i>
Bee My Honey
<i><u>Chill Out Pops</u></i>
Lexington Shades of Green
Babette the Dirt Diva
Country Garden by Saddle Rock
<i><u>Sunny Cedars Farm</u></i>
CSD Enterprises
The Veggie Patch
It's My Sister's Fault
<i><u>Polliwogs</u></i>

Name
<i><u>The Donut Guy</u></i>
<i><u>Becky's Soap Shoppe</u></i>
<i><u>Trail Ridge Farm and Dairy</u></i>
Ms. Zessie's Specialties
Cathi's Corner
Lem's Farm Shop
Preston's
First Fruits Enterprise, LLC
<i><u>Livingston Farms</u></i>
La Bella Roma
<i><u>Old McCaskill's Farm</u></i>
The Bird Man
<i><u>Nanna's Naturals</u></i>
Conyer's Farms of Kingstree
<i><u>Company of OHS</u></i>
Conyers Farms
<i><u>Square Foot Gardening</u></i>
Colchos
<i><u>Amy Lynne's</u></i>
<i><u>City Roots</u></i>
Harmony Farms



Isom's Delights	Marcella's Cookies
<i><u>The Haute Dog Lady</u></i>	<i><u>Crete Art</u></i>

Each week we talk with perspective vendors interested in participating at the Sandhill Farmers Market. If you would like to become a vendor please visit our [market page](#) and view the vendor information along with the vendor application found in the right hand navigation pane.

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